

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for City Services held at 3.00 pm on
Monday, 20 March 2017

Present:

Members: Councillor J Innes (Cabinet Member)
Councillor R Lakha (Deputy Cabinet Member)
Councillor G Ridley (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Other Members: Councillors R Bailey and G Williams

Employees (by Directorate):

C Archer, Place Directorate
L Knight, Place Directorate
S McGinty, Place Directorate
M Wilkinson, Place Directorate

Public Business

45. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

46. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February were agreed as a true record, subject to the second sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Minute 41 headed 'Petition – Request to Outlaw the Parking of Motor Vehicles on the Pavements of Coventry' being amended to read: 'She indicated that a pavement parking ban across the City would not be feasible as it wouldn't make allowances for emergency vehicles. It wouldn't be affordable or enforceable and would create further access problems for refuse vehicles.'

47. Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) concerning objections that had been received to a Traffic Regulation Order advertised on 24th November, 2016 relating to proposed new waiting restrictions and amendments to existing waiting restrictions in Bablake, Cheylesmore, Foleshill, Holbrooks, Radford, Westwood, and Whoberley Wards of the City. A total of 29 objections were received, 1 of which was subsequently withdrawn by the objector and 1 objection related to a proposed traffic splitter island, not waiting restrictions. In addition 4 letters of support to proposals were also received. Two subsequent e-mails had been received, each from one of the objectors, further detailing their objections and these were reported at the meeting. In addition a further e-mail relating to Peel Street from someone who had read the public report was also reported. A summary of proposed restrictions, objections and responses were set out in an appendix to the report. All the respondents were invited to the meeting.

Ms J Sandhu and Wayne Foxtan attended the meeting and detailed their concerns regarding the installation of double yellow lines at the junction of Priory Mill Walk and Christchurch Road which were recommended following a Road Safety Audit. Ms Sandhu expressed concerns at the loss of parking, also referring to the loss of a parking space at the rear of her property which was included in the original planning application. It was clarified that this was a matter for her to pursue with the developer. Mr Foxtan referred to the proposal for double yellow lines outside 38 Christchurch Road indicating that this was unnecessary since the curvature of the road meant that there was not a visibility issue at the junction. Councillor Williams, a Bablake Ward Councillor spoke in support of the residents. The Cabinet Member decided not to install the waiting restrictions outside 38 but indicated that the situation would be monitored.

Ms K Farr, Mr G Grant and Mr Khari attended in respect of Lythalls Lane expressing concerns about the introduction of a splitter island outside 261 Lythalls Lane which obstructed vehicle access and exit. It was clarified that the splitter island was not the subject of the TRO under discussion and had been installed as part of a safety scheme. The Cabinet Member agreed to undertake a site visit.

In relation to the proposals for Humphrey Burton's Road, Stoney Road, Asthill Grove and Orchard Crescent, the original proposal was to install a prohibition of parking on the verge and footway. In light of the objections received it was proposed not to install the restriction on the narrower Asthill Grove and Orchard Crescent but to continue to monitor the parking on these roads. Mr Shufflebotham and Matthew Davies attended in respect of the proposal for Humphrey Burtons Road and Stoney Road. Mr Shufflebotham expressed concerns about the entrances to/from Humphrey Burtons Road with the 'slip roads' into Hiron Croft and the potential for accidents. Matthew Davies spoke on behalf of Stoney Road Area Residents (STAR) expressing support for the proposal for Humphrey Burtons Road and Stoney Road. Councillor Bailey, a Cheylesmore Ward Councillor spoke in support of the revised proposals.

The Cabinet Member was informed of additional e-mail correspondence that had been received in respect of the proposal to install waiting restrictions at the junction of Peel Street and Peel Close which had been requested due to parked vehicles causing access problems for refuse vehicles resulting in missed collections. In light of the objections and potential parking issues, the Cabinet Member recommended the installation of double yellow lines on the eastern side of Peel Close be reduced to 10 metres from the junction with the situation being monitored.

The Cabinet Member noted that an objection had been received in respect of the proposed restriction on Dalmeny Road. The objector was concerned about the parking implications for residents and had requested that restrictions were not introduced on the western side of the road.

The cost of introducing the proposed TRO would be funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

RESOLVED that, having considered all the objections to the proposed waiting restrictions:

- (1) The implementation of the restrictions as advertised on Billing Road/ Whoberley Avenue and Swillington Road be approved.**
- (2) The implementation of a reduced scheme prohibiting parking on the footway (and verge) on Humphrey Burtons Road and Stoney Road be approved, not installing a new TRO on Asthill Grove and Orchard Crescent but continuing to monitor the way vehicles are parked.**
- (3) The proposal to reduce the length of proposed double yellow lines on Dalmeny Road be endorsed, only installing the proposed restriction on the eastern side of the road and not the western side.**
- (4) It be endorsed that the double yellow lines proposed on Lythalls Lane are installed as advertised, as the objection did not relate to the proposed waiting restrictions.**
- (5) The proposed double yellow lines on the eastern side of Priory Mill Walk (outside 36 Christchurch Road) be installed as advertised but no restrictions be installed on the western side of Priory Mill Walk (outside 38 Christchurch Road) and the situation be monitored.**
- (6) The proposed double yellow lines on Peel Street to be reduced on the eastern side of Peel Close to 10 metres from the junction and the situation be monitored.**
- (7) Approval be given that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order is made operational.**
- (8) A site visit be arranged for the Cabinet Member to meet residents at Lythalls Lane.**

48. Petitions Determined by Letter and Petitions Deferred Pending Further Investigations

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that provided a summary of the recent petitions received that were to be determined by letter, or where decisions had been deferred pending further investigations and holding letters were being circulated. Details of the individual petitions were set out in an appendix attached to the report and included target dates for action. The report was submitted for monitoring and transparency purposes.

The report indicated that each petition had been dealt with on an individual basis, with the Cabinet Member considering advice from officers on appropriate action to respond to the petitioners' request. Attention was drawn to the fact that if it had been decided to respond to the petition without formal consideration at a Cabinet Member meeting, both the relevant Councillor/petition organiser could still request that their petition be the subject of a Cabinet Member report.

Members were informed that where holding letters were being sent, this was because further investigation work was required. Once matters had been

investigated either a follow up letter would be sent or a report submitted to a future Cabinet Member meeting.

RESOLVED that the actions being taken by officers as detailed in the appendix to the report, in response to the petitions received, be endorsed.

49. **Outstanding Issues**

The Cabinet Member noted a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that contained a list of the outstanding issues and summarised the current position in respect of each item.

50. **Any other items of Public Business**

There were no additional items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 4.05 pm)